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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 5-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

Claim Objections

Claims 5-13 are objected to under 37 CFR 1.75(c) as being in improper form because multiple dependent claims (claims 5, 6, & 9) depend on other multiply dependent claims (claims 3, 5, & 6), and claims 7, 8, & 10-13 depend on these improper multiply dependent claims. See MPEP § 608.01(n). Accordingly, the claims 5-13 have not been further treated on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The use of "...and/or..." and "...or only to a slight degree..."

render this claim indefinite. For examination purposes the claim will be interpreted as:
"...characterized in that neither the cartridges, nor the brushes project into the aperture in the preassembly position."

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Maher (US 3656018).

With respect to claim 1, Maher teaches a brush holder plate (Fig. 1, #30) with cartridges (Fig. 1, #20) and with brushes (Fig. 3, #34) guided in the cartridges, wherein the guidance of the brushes takes place under spring loading (Col. 1, Lines 33-40) in the radial direction towards a central aperture (Fig. 1, #12) in the brush holder plate, characterized in that the cartridges are disposed in such a way that they can be displaced on the brush holder plate from a radially outer position to a radially inner final assembly position (Col. 3, Lines 3-7). In the assembly process the cartridges are displaced in a radially inward direction through the brush holder lug openings (Fig. 1, #18).

With respect to claim 2, Maher teaches the brush holder plate according to claim 1, characterized in that neither the cartridges nor the brushes project into the aperture in the preassembly position (Fig. 3).

With respect to claim 3, Maher teaches the brush holder plates of claims 1 and 2, characterized in that holding means (Fig. 3, #48) hold the brushes in the cartridges in a radially outer position in the preassembly position.

With respect to claim 4, Maher teaches the holder plate according to claim 3, characterized in that the brushes do not project out of the cartridges in the preassembly position (Fig. 3)

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. US 2695968, US 4056749, US 4607184, US 4613781, US 5159222, US 5495134, US 5696418, and DE 3311271. All of the above are motors with spring loaded brush cartridges.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erik D. Preston whose telephone number is (571)272-8393. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571)272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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